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Dear Ms. Spade

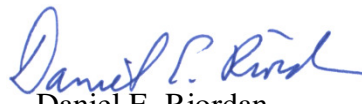
I am writing in support of the Applicants' Bill of Rights proposed in the State E-Rate Coordinators Alliance's August 1, 2011 *ex parte* filing.¹

Many of SECA's suggestions in that filing merit adoption, but the Bill of Rights that SECA put forth would represent a huge improvement in the E-Rate program.

Each of the suggested items would go a long way to reducing the anxiety and resentment in the applicant community concerning the E-Rate process. The suggested reforms would also improve program efficiency, increase participation, reduce the number of appeals, reduce improper payments, and reduce improper loss of funding.

I ask that the Commission consider all of SECA's recommendations, but most urgently take up the matter of an Applicants' Bill of Rights.

Sincerely,


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President

¹ <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7021699729>